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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All General Officers
All Commanding Officers
All Officers in Charge

Subj: 2002 MARINE CORPS QUALITY OF LIFE STUDY

1. To better understand the quality of life (QOL) priorities and concerns of our Marines and families, the Marine Corps instituted a periodic Quality of Life Study in 1993. This study, which was last executed in 1998, provides Marine Corps leadership valuable insight into Marine perceptions and satisfaction with all aspects of QOL, including, pay and compensation, housing, and support programs. Results of this survey-based study are instrumental in identifying potential deficiencies and establishing the Corps' QOL priorities for the coming years.

2. The third iteration of this study will take place in February-March 2002. The effort will consist of the administration of QOL surveys to a random selection of Marines and Marine spouses representing all facets of the Corps. The selected Marines who are assigned to USMC bases/stations will be administered a survey "on-site" by the study team, while Marines not assigned to a USMC base/station and all selected spouses will be surveyed via mail. Critical to our successful evaluation of Marine Corps QOL, is a high rate of response from those Marines and Marine spouses who are selected to participate in this important study.

3. All Marine leaders should seek to ensure that their Marines and families are aware of the importance of this study and the need for them and their spouses to provide complete and candid responses, should they be selected to participate. Additionally, Marine leaders at USMC bases/stations should take concerted steps to ensure that their Marines who are selected to participate in the study are made available to complete the survey at the designated time and location. With the support of Marine leadership at all levels, the current study effort will be able to accurately and effectively assess QOL in the Corps to the benefit of our Marines and families.


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